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1. BRANDT'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION HAS NOW BEEN ACCEPTED

BY PRESIDENT HEINEMANN WHO HAS ASKED ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO REMAIN AT THEIR POST UNTIL THE ELECTION, BY THE BUNDESTAG, OF A NEW CHANCELLOR, MOST PROBABLY HELMUT SCHMIDT, MAY 16. BRANDT IS EXPECTED TO RETAIN HIS BUNDESTAG SEAT AND HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SPD; HIS TERM IN THAT OFFICE EXPIRES IN 1975. SCHEEL, WHO IS NOW ACTING CHANCELLOR, HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO RUN FOR THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL PRESIDENT ON MAY 15 AS

SCHEDULED AND WILL NO DOUBT BE ELECTED OVER THE SINGLE

OPPOSING CANDIDATE, THE CDU'S VON WEIZSAECKER.

2. SCHEEL'S HEIR APPARENT BOTH AS VICE-CHANCELLOR AND AS FOREIGN MINISTER, GENSCHER, WILL PROBABLY FILL THOSE

ROLES AS EXPECTED BUT GENSCHER TOO HAS BEEN HURT BY THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS

DIRECTED AT HIM WITHIN THE SPD FOR NOT HAVING TAKEN A

GREATER SHARE OF THE CRITICISM.

ALSO STILL TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FDP AND SPD, WHICH HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO GOVERN IN COALITION, IS THE MAKE UP OF A NEW CABINET AND A NEW COALITION AGREEMENT, TASKS THAT WILL PROBABLY TAKE SEVERAL DAYS TO COMPLETE.
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